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Intelligence Support - Petrochemical Industries

1. The Chairman of the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC) has received the following request from the Department of Commerce member and has assigned action responsibility to CIA:

"The Department of Commerce (BFC) has received export license applications for the sale and export to the USSR of nine various types of petrochemical plants. These applications are currently under study in BFC and are in the process of being documented for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Export Policy. In connection with this documentation, BFC has indicated appropriate intelligence information would be very helpful.

Accordingly, it would be appreciated if EDIC could provide the BFC with whatever information is available relative to these plants and the commodities which they produce."

2. A detailed listing and description of these plants is contained in the attached paper prepared by BFC. You are requested, with data classified no higher than SECRET, to prepare (a) a summary on the present state of development of the USSR petrochemical industries and plans for their short-term and long-term expansion, and (b) an evaluation in this context of the importance of the specific plants which the USSR desires to import from the United States.

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Attachment

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